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## **HYATT POWERPLANT DISCHARGES 12,900 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND**

Oroville, California –Hyatt Powerplant's five units are discharging a total of 12,900 cubic feet per second (cfs), which provides the Department of Water Resources an important, additional way to release water from Lake Oroville.

Lake Oroville inflows are approximately 10,000 cfs to 15,000 cfs, which has resulted in the lake rising from 859.7 feet to 860.1 feet elevation in the last 24 hours.

Approximately 803,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris below the spillway have been removed by crews working 24 hours per day.

Flows to meet environmental requirements downstream in the Feather River are being met by releases through the Thermalito Diversion Dam and Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet. The low flow section of the Feather River (the river channel through Oroville) is currently at 5,000 cfs. The total flow to the Feather River is currently 11,000 cfs. Flows will gradually increase over the next 24 hours.

To News Media: For your safety and the safety of crews working in the construction zone, members of the news media are advised to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) – hard hat, reflective vest, and sturdy shoes/boots. Those not following this guideline will be asked to leave the area.

For information on lake conditions – including lake levels, inflows, and outflows – visit the <u>Oroville Reservoir page</u> on the California Data Exchange Center.

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